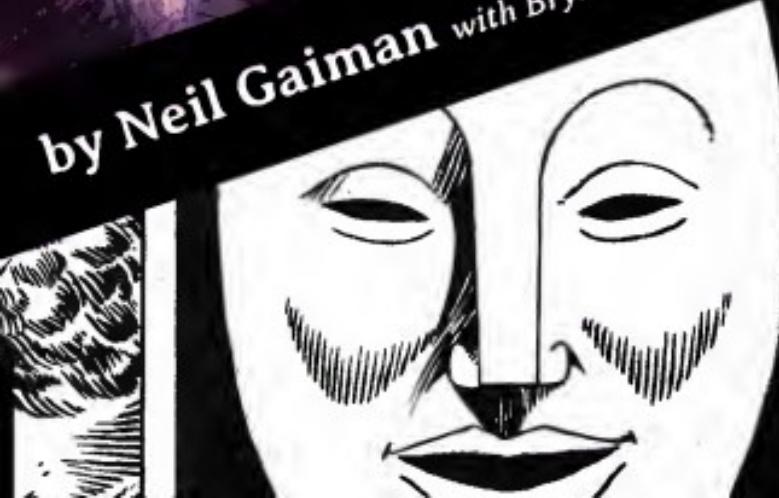




An Honest Answer and Other Stories



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**FROM
PARANOIA
Homogenous
TO GLORY**

Honey Honey

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WE TAKE THE CHARACTER OUT, NO REAL PROBLEM HERE.

AND SAKI AND THE REST WE CONSIGN TO A BONFIRE OR THE OCEAN ...

THE SAME GOES FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

OBVIOUS STEREOTYPES GO FIRST ON TV ...



OOOH, MISTER HORNE! TROLL UP TO OUR LATTIE AND WE'LL RUN A VINE UP YOUR TRELLIS ...

OR RADIO,



MUSIC? NO MORE BOWIE, NO MORE REED, BYE BYE COMMUNARDS ...

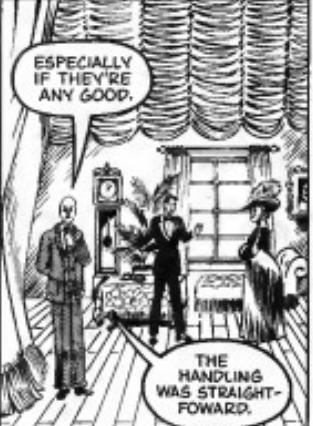
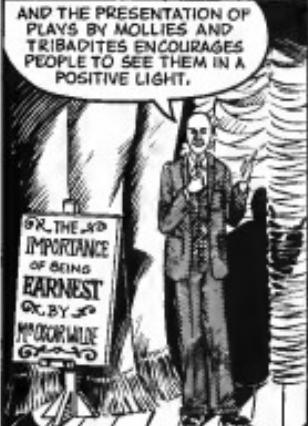
AND WITH BRIAN EPSTEIN OUT OF THE PICTURE, THERE NEVER WERE ANY BEATLES! WERE THERE?



A NUMBER OF PROMINENT GAY AUTHORS WROTE BOOKS WITH NO DEMI-MONDANE CONTENT.



AND THE PRESENTATION OF PLAYS BY MOLLIES AND TRIBADITES ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO SEE THEM IN A POSITIVE LIGHT.



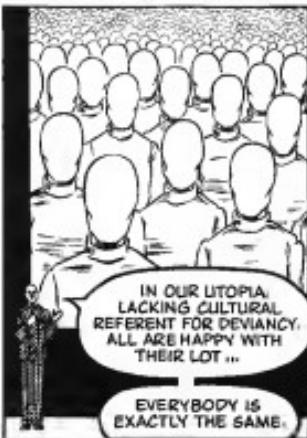
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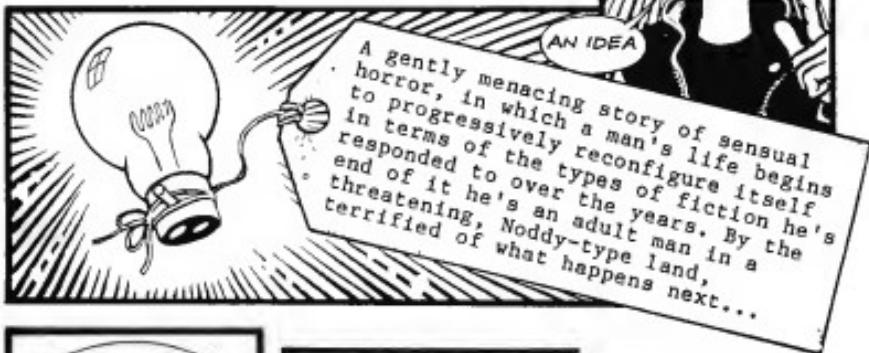
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SONJA CURTIS

"Where do you
get your ideas?"











After that, the infinite offered up, in short order...

DID I ASK FOR A FUNNY CAT BOOK? HAVE I DONE ANYTHING TO IMPLY THAT I BELIEVE THE UNIVERSE IS IN ANY WAY DEFICIENT IN THE MATTER OF FUNNY CAT BOOKS?





The following Thursday the author received a note from the Infinite, apologising for the interruption in service, and asking if it could have its funny cat-book idea back, because there were people who needed it.

But it was too late. It had already been used as the introduction to an anthology of minor Late-Seventeenth Century Metaphysical Poets.

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I got the feeling I've been here before



Which is of course unlikely to be true,



And in these times
it's so hard to be sure.

the theory of quantum mechanics is based on the idea that if you look at the world in the right way, it's not what we think it is.

It's not that there are no such things as "things". Objects are ghostly, but no definite properties (such as position or mass) until they are measured. The properties exist in a twilight state of "superposition" until then.

• All particles are waves, and waves are particles, appearing as one or the other depending on what sort of measurement is being performed.

• A particle moving between two points travels all possible paths between them simultaneously.

• Particles that are millions of miles apart can affect each other instantaneously.

To take one example of quantum weirdness in detail, see diagram on next page. Richard Feynman, a Nobel laureate, said:

Consider the cold bottoms of ice, which are perfectly smooth, a perfect parallelogram impossible, although it's possible to



The clash of padlock snuffed curse of acres



I got the feeling I've been here before



A thousand worlds
and every world's a door.



The lights go out, I think I think of you



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it's so hard to be sure.



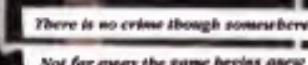
There's black blood
slowly clotting on the floor



Adhering to the bottom of my shoe.



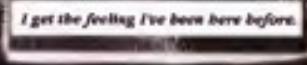
I get the feeling I've been here before.



There is no crime though somewhere there's a clue



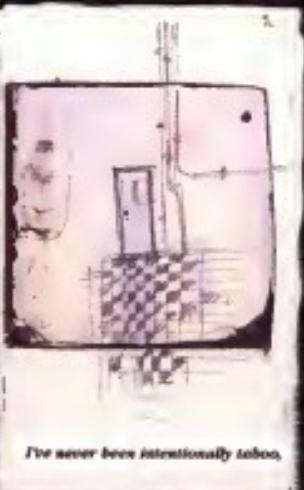
Not far away the game begins anew



But in these times it's so hard to be sure



I've never been intentionally obscure



I've never been intentionally taboo.



I get the feeling I've been here before.

But in these times
it's so hard to be sure.

